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**STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK ON COMMON CORE  
STANDARDS**

BOSTON - Wednesday, July 21, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick issued the following statement relative to this morning's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education vote to adopt Common Core Standards in Massachusetts.

"Massachusetts leads the nation in public education. Our children perform in the top tier, not just in the country but in the world. I want to keep it that way. That means we have to continue to raise the bar. That's why we passed the education reform bill, to close the achievement gap once and for all. And that's why I support the Board's decision to sign on to the national Common Core standards. These standards will be as strong as the ones we already have in place, and in some cases will be stronger. And they are consistent with our MCAS, which has been and will continue to be a key element of our progress. Common Core will enhance the Commonwealth's already rigorous standards."

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